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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 17, 2004. Please extend the date for responding to the Office Action by two months, up to and including August 17, 2004.

Applicants enclose a petition and a check to cover the extension fee. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required at this time. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 81-91 are presently pending in this application. Claims 81-83, 85, and 87-91 (in part) are provisionally elected for consideration. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions about this paper. Early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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